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REPORT OF DETECTIVE LOCHART F. GRACEY, JR.
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On April 4, 5 and 6 of 1963, the Congress of Freedom, Inc., held an annual meeting at the Fontainebleau Motel-Hotel in New Orleans, Louisiana. This was different in that for the past twelve years the same organization, under the same and different leaderships, had met somewhere within the United States for their annual conference.

Information had been developed prior to the meeting of the Congress of Freedom, Inc., that an organization on the local front, located and headquartered in West Palm Beach, Florida, under the direction of Mary M. Davison, secretary, Council on American Relations, had established and was establishing a nuclei in coordination with various zones throughout the United States to begin a twofold program.

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The first portion of the program was the education of various individuals in civilian life and in the Congress of the United States through the writing and the gathering of various materials pertaining to the actions, the legislation and the proposed legislation of the Congress of the United States and the various states throughout these United States in which were zone areas similar to the zone area in West Palm Beach.

The second phase of this program was the setting up of a criminal activity to assassinate particular persons and groups of persons throughout the United States which are or have been in the process of formulating the policy of these United States through various governmental agencies, in particular the Council on Foreign Relations.

The principal speakers at the meeting of this organization were Arthur G. Blaisie, a doctor from Washington, Indiana; Glenn O. Young, a lawyer from Sapulpa, Oklahoma; Mrs. Willard O. Hedrick of Houston, Texas, a former teacher and national director of the Speakers Institute in Chicago; Mrs. Opal Tanner White; George S. Montgomery, Jr., New York City, an attorney involved in corporation and financial law in New York City; Professor R. P. Oliver, Urbana, Illinois, a professor of classics in the University of Illinois; D. B. Lewis, Los Angeles, California, an industrial engineer; Mr.

Steve Stahl, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, executive trustee and founder of the Investors Union of America; Mary D. Cain, past chairman of the Congress of Freedom, Summit, Mississippi; Clifford J. Simpson, Mount Vernon, Ohio, organizer of the Independent Farmers of Ohio and vice president of the Farmers for America; Clayton Rand, Gulfport, Mississippi, owner of the Dixie Press and editor of the Dixie Guide of Gulfport, Mississippi; Reverend T. Robert Ingram, Houston, Texas, director of St. Thomas Episcopal Church, Houston; Thurmond L. McCormick, Kansas City, Missouri, attorney in Kansas City; Arthur J. Bohn, Fort Lauderdale, Florida, attorney; George J. Thomas, Omaha, Nebraska, one of the original founders of the Congress for Freedom and one of its vice presidents; Auctin T. Flett, an insurance broker of Chicago; George Soule, New Orleans, Louisiana, past chairman of the National Congress of Freedom, and Mary M. Davison, West Palm Beach, Florida, secretary of the Council of American Relations and one of the directors of the Congress of Freedom.

In the various speeches to the convention of the above-named people, in a generalized feeling, there was indicated the overthrow of the present government of the United States in that, as members of the Congress of Freedom, Inc., they did not and do not believe in the policies of the United States as they have been formulated between the

administrations of Dwight Eisenhower and Jack F. Kennedy.

As has been pointed out to you in various reports submitted by this office, the nuclei of the present Statehood for Council under the direction of Mary M. Davison has established or appears to have established a secret fund of money that has been brought in through contributions and subscriptions through memberships and requests for money throughout the State of Florida and to some extent throughout the United States.

This is somewhat identical to the plan that has been submitted by the unknown members of--this is my wording and not the wording of the informer--the inner circle or hierarchy within the Congress of Freedom.

At this meeting of the Congress of Freedom there were in attendance high ranking industrialists, bankers, insurance executives, men and woman generally that have access to great amounts of money, and from this group there has been selected this, as I have described, inner circle who will name the time, the place and the assassin to take care of the following named individuals.

The first choices for assassination are the following: Sidney J. Weinberg, senior partner in Goldman, Sachs and Company of New York City; Louis L. Strauss, former head of Kuhn, Loeb & Company; Herbert Lehman, of Lehman Brothers;

Benjamin J. Buttenweiser of Kuh, Loeb & Company; Alexander Sachs, the partner of Mr. Weinberg; John J. McCloy, head of CIA; John M. Schiff of Kuh, Loeb & Company; Eugene Black, the front man and the president of the International Bank; Averill Harriman, who holds a job of traveling ambassador for President Kennedy, and the Warburgh brothers, Eric and James, who were responsible for the setting up of the Federal Reserve system.

The second choices for assassination--and you will realize that these persons are being selected by groups in that certain of the individuals who are being named appear in more than one group--are: Sidney J. Weinberg, previously mentioned; Ralph Cordiner, of General Electric; Roger Blough of the United States Steel; Joseph B. Hall of Kroger Company; L. F. McCullum of Continental Oil; William M. Allen of Boeing Aircraft Company; S. D. Bechtel of the Bechtel Corporation; Harold Boeschenstein of the Owens-Corning Fiberglas Corporation; General Lucius D. Clay, personal adviser to the President of the United States; Elisha Gray, II, of Whirlpool Corporation; Crawford Greenwald of DuPont; Eugene Holman of Standard Oil of New Jersey; Charles G. Mortimer of General Foods Corporation; T. S. Petersen of Standard Oil Company of California; Juan T. Trippe of Pan American Airways; Henry Ford, II; Charles Percy of Bell and Howell; William L. Batt of the S.J.F. Industries;

W. L. Clayton of Anderson Clayton & Company, and William McChesney, chairman of the Federal Reserve Board.

The reason for the assassination or the procrastinated assassination of this second named group is that each of these persons works in some capacity with the Business Advisory Council which this group states are the ones predominantly having the say-so in the country on foreign relations, which they have described as a hidden government that is ruling America through the bureaucrats, cabinets and agencies that are appointed in an advisory capacity to the President of the United States.

The third choice of the inner circle in the assassination plans almost contains the whole membership of the Council on Foreign Relations as is listed in its annual report of 1961 and 1962. The names of the individuals involved in the Council on Foreign Relations are too numerous to incorporate into this report. Therefore, there will be submitted to you the book from which these names have been selected by members of the inner circle.

Now, as to the fourth group that these people desire to assassinate, you will begin to get an inkling of the enormous aims of the Congress of Freedom, Inc., through its inner circle, in that the "international"Bilderberger group has been selected into it and a portion of the people in

the international Bilderberger group live and work in foreign countries. Therefore, at least in the mind of the writer, this organization must be worldwide, as well as nationwide throughout this country.

The names of these gentlemen and ladies appear on pages 37 and 38 of the book that will be given to you as those names are too numerous to mention within the body of this report.

Included as a portion of the fourth choice are all of the names of the Business Advisory Council, which appear on pages 50, 51 52 and part of 53 of this booklet. The booklet itself has to be returned to the owner as the choices that have been submitted were printed thereon by Mr. Thomas Williams, who has appeared in prior reports, and he states that the selections were given to him by Miss Mary M. Davison, the coordinator of the zone group in West Palm Beach.

Now, in addition to the names that have been put into this report and the names that have been listed by page number of the pamphlet entitled "The Secret Government of the United States," the following persons appeared, from the Miami area, at the New Orleans convention: Mary M. Davison, John Thurman, Tom Williams--you will please note that Thurman and Williams are the two individuals who have obtained the

carbines and rifles to set up a target practice system in the jungle area adjacent to West Palm Beach; Mr. Jackson and his wife, from Pompano Beach; John Lanier; Miss Cunningham and her sister; and Arthur Bohn.

The above-named people came from the Palm Beach area. In addition, the informer has talked to Mrs. Robert C. Habig of 160 Northeast 129th Street, North Miami, Florida, who is a coordinator of affairs for the Statehood of Council within the Greater Miami Area. She is taking the place of Mr. N. J. Cardin, who at the present time is in the exterminating business in Mobile, Alabama. This still gives Dade County two coordinators, neither of whom has ever appeared at a meeting of the Statehood for Council. In addition to speaking to Miss Habig, the informer talked with Edward B. Burgess, a doctor of dental surgery in the Professional Building, 2418 Travis Street, Houston, Texas, who was representing a high ranking group of individuals not present at the convention; a Mr. W. J. Kearns of 2055 Benedict Circle, St. Albans, West Virginia; A. J. Porth, 1806 South Werett, of Wichita, Kansas; P. Cameron Terry, 1023 Race Street, New Orleans, a member of the Citizens Council, whose post office box is 4413, and the Dixie Clan of Georgia--and more will be said about the Dixie Clan of Georgia later in this report--which was represented by Harry Jack Brown of Chattanooga, Tennessee. The

Dixie Clan of Georgia is an underground organization that, in addition to Brown, is being directed by J. A. Milteer, a past candidate for the governorship of Georgia.

Now, this last group that has been named say one thing, to start the assassination as soon as the group are prepared, not to wait for any great expiration of time, but now. Some of the persons that are named in this report should be taken care of.

The Dixie Clan, which is an offshoot of hard core membership of the KKK, John Birch, White Citizens Council and other groups, are pushing for this assassination. Now, whether this push that is being made by the Dixie Clan is in agreement or is separate from that of this inner circle of the Congress of Freedom, Inc., is not known at the present time to the informer. The informer states that for practically fifteen to twenty years he has been involved in outfits such as this and it is his considered opinion that for assassinations through rifles, dynamite and other types of devices, this is the worst outfit that he has ever come across. Membership within the Congress of Freedom, Inc., contain high ranking members of the Armed Forces that secretly belong to the organization. One or two of these members have been brought to your attention in previous reports submitted to your office.

In terms of generalization at the meetings held by any and every convention group in any part of the United States, there is always a great amount of drinking, generalization of raising hell, but such was not the case with these groups. Most of them appear upon the register of the Fontainebleau Motel-Hotel in New Orleans and to the knowledge of the informer none of these people were sitting at the bars drinking or out chasing women. It appeared to the informer that they were there strictly on business, said business to be conducted as has been described in the twofold organizational plan.

In the conversation with the various names that have been listed within this report, although there is nothing definite in actual words that have been spoken, it is the feeling of the informer that this group believes that under President Kennedy the government of the United States this year will be placed under the United Nations in some capacity and such sponsorship will rest in the Council of Foreign Relations, and it is at that time that this so-called inner circle will begin the assassination of the individuals that have been named within this report and within this pamphlet.

The list that has been submitted has come from the inner circle of the council. The informer does not know

who is on the high council other than suspecting that Mary M. Davison is a member, but this council is now in the process of obtaining pictures, addresses and descriptions of the individuals named within this report, so that on the day that the selection for the assassination has been made, all available and pertinent information as to the habits and so forth of these individuals will be given and directed to the assassin who has been selected by the inner circle.

The informer believes that it is somewhat significant that Miss Mary Davison, John Thurman and Thomas Williams did not stay at the Fontainebleau Hotel while in New Orleans, but instead stayed at the Plaza Motel, which is approximately two or three blocks from the Fontainebleau, which would to some extent give them more freedom as to clandestine meetings and so forth.

In a prior report submitted to you the name of attorney Arthur Bohn of Fort Lauderdale appeared as one of the guiding hands in the inner circle of the local chapter of the Statehood for Council and it is the opinion of the informer that Mr. Bohn may have one of the seats within the inner circle. The informer believes that through various devious ways he can get close enough to this inner circle to be part of the operation, provided that this unit gives him freedom to operate in such a manner.

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CERTIFICATE

STATE OF FLORIDA)

COUNTY OF DADE )

I, Ethel H. Deutsch, do hereby certify that the foregoing report was dictated to me by Detective Lochart F. Gracey, Jr., on April 10, 1963, at the City of Miami Justice Building, Miami, Florida; and that the foregoing pages numbered 1 to and including 11, contain and are a true and correct transcription of said report.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF I have hereunto set my hand this eleventh day of April, 1963.

Court Reporter.